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FOL TEL SENT SECSTATE INFO USCINCEUR, CINCPAC, CINCLANT FROM
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TAGS: MARR, UK, US

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA

REF: STATE 118250

1. WE CALLED ON CLIVE ROSE (UNDERSECRETARY, FCO)
THIS AFTERNOON (21 JUNE) PER INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL)
TO (A) OUTLINE PROBABLE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE USN
COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS, (B) REQUEST HMG' S AGREEMENT
TO EXPANSION OF DIEGO FACILITY, (C) SPELL OUT PROPOSED
ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUGMENTATION (PARA 3 A-3 E REFTEL), AND
(D) INVITE HMG TO PROVIDE UP TO TEN PERCENT OF PERSONNEL
REQUIRED TO MAN NEW OPERATION. ROSE WAS THOROUGHLY
RECEPTIVE AND STATED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT HMG WOULD
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HAVE NO DIFFICULTY AGREEING TO AUGMENTATION.

2. ROSE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT HIS COLLEAGUES AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND HOPED TO GIVE US AN EARLY ANSWER ON THE GENERAL PROPOSITION. HE AGREED THAT BASIC AGREEMENT PROBABLY IS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO PERMIT AUGMENTATION WITHOUT CHANGE OR AMENDMENTS, PARTICULARLY AS MISSION WOULD NOT CHANGE AND ALL CONSTRUCTION WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN AGREED AREA.

3. ROSE INDICATED THAT NEAR DOUBLING OF PERSONNEL LEVEL, WITH ACCOMPANYING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, MIGHT WELL REVIVE PRESSURES WITHIN HMG TO PERMIT BRITISH CONTRACTORS TO BID ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ON DIEGO. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN CASE ISSUE IS REVIVED. ANNENBERG UNQUOTE ROGERS

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